

**FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO**

30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, NY 10112-3801  
(212) 218-2100

Facsimile:(212) 218-2200

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

JUL 19 2004

**OFFICIAL****FACSIMILE COVER SHEET**

**TO:** Examiner H. Akhavannik, GAU 2621  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

**FROM:** Raymond DiPerna

**RE:** U.S. Appln. No. 09/736,438  
Attorney Docket No. 03500.014995.

**FAX NO.:** (703) 872-9306

**DATE:** July 19, 2004

**NO. OF PAGES:** 13  
*(including cover page)*

**TIME:**

**SENT BY:**

**MESSAGE**

Attached please find an Amendment After Final Action in response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004.

**IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ALL THE PAGES  
PLEASE CALL 212-218-2100 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

**Note:** We are transmitting from a Canon Model FAX-L770  
(compatible with any Group I, Group II or Group III machine).

THIS FACSIMILE MESSAGE AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS ARE INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE ADDRESSEE INDICATED ABOVE. INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED OR OTHERWISE CONFIDENTIAL MAY BE CONTAINED THEREIN. IF YOU ARE NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY DISSEMINATION, REVIEW OR USE OF THIS MESSAGE, DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS MESSAGE IN ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE OR FACSIMILE AND MAIL THE ORIGINAL TO US AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS. THANK YOU.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2621, Expedited Procedure

In re Application of:

Docket No. 03500.014995.

OSAMU ITOKAWA

Application No.: 09/736,438

Examiner: H. Akhavannik

Filed: December 15, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2621

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
 AND STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR

Date: July 19, 2004

Mail Stop AF  
 The Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 13	MINUS	** 20	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 4	MINUS	*** 3	= 1	x \$43 \$86	\$86.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145/\$290						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT—						\$86.00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

☒ Charge \$ 86.00 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

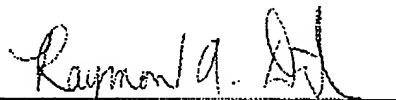
☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_\_-month extension is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



Raymond A. DiPerna  
Attorney for Applicant

Registration No. 44,063

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

Form #120

NY\_MAIN 441236v1

Page 2 of 2

PAGE 3/13 \* RCVD AT 7/19/2004 6:46:28 PM [Eastern Daylight Time] \* SVR:USPTO-EFAXF-1/1 \* DNIS:8729306 \* CSID:1212 218 4561 \* DURATION (mm-ss):03-44

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Group Art Unit 2621, Expedited Procedure

03500.014995.

PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JUL 19 2004

OFFICIAL

In re Application of: )  
OSAMU ITOKAWA ) Examiner: H. Akhavannik  
Appln. No.: 09/736,438 ) Group Art Unit: 2621  
Filed: December 15, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM )  
THEREFOR ) July 19, 2004

Mail Stop AF  
The Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

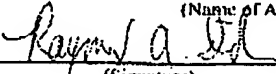
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 7.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (Fax No. 703-872-9306) on

July 19, 2004  
(Date of Transmission)

Raymond A. DiPerna (Reg. No. 44,063)  
(Name of Attorney for Applicants)

  
(Signature)

July 19, 2004  
(Date of Signature)